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Wylie's Smith Public Library to Host Anime Event May 18

May 10, 2013 – Wylie, TX – Celebrate anime and manga fandom at Wylie's Smith Public Library Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Tosho-Kon @ SPL mini convention. Call 972-516-6250 to register. The Smith Public Library is located at 300 Country Club Rd. The minimum age to attend is 4th grade; children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

Tosho-Kon @ SPL will feature a cosplay contest, anime trivia, a How to Create Manga workshop with manga artist Kristen McGuire, and an ADR directing demo with voice actors Terri Doty and Alexis Tipton. Attendees are encouraged to bring their manga for the manga swap (manga Rated All, Teen or Older Teen accepted). Lunch will be provided and registration is required.

How to Create Manga Workshop

Kristen McGuire is an artist, illustrator and comic writer best known for her manga-style comic *Enchanted*. She holds a degree in Visual Art and Communications.

ADR Directing Demo

Terri Doty has been Voice Director for such shows as *Big Windup!*, *Corpse Princess* (aka *Shikabane Hime*), and *Baka and Test*. She has lent her voice to a multitude of characters, like, Virgo/Jellal Fernandes (*young*) in *Fairy Tail*, Ohara in *Deadman Wonderland* (featured on Toonami), Franky (*young*) in *One Piece*, and Maria in *Black Butler*.

Alexis Tipton started as a child actor in standard and musical theater. Her voice over roles include Mizuki in *Baka and Test*, Saya in *Blood-C*, and Julia in *Fullmetal Alchemist: The Sacred Star of Milos*, as well as roles in *Black Butler*, *One Piece*, and many more. She has also played Tamara Freeborn and Molly Barrow in the videogame *Borderlands 2*.

Anime and manga – Japanese animation and comics – still ride a wave of popularity in America since the Cartoon Network first aired *Dragon Ball Z* and *Sailor Moon* over 20 years ago. Through the unique look and style of storytelling, anime and manga provide a gateway to Japanese and other Asian cultures inspiring loyal fans and avid readers.

About Smith Public Library

Founded in 1970 by Rita and Truett Smith, the library serves the informational, cultural and recreational needs of the over 41,000 residents of the city of Wylie. The library opened a new 44,000 square-foot building March 28, 2011.

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